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(C) On August 20, Embassy Refugee Officer delivered demarche request (reftel A) to MFA Deputy Director of International Organizations and Human Rights Simona Halperin, encouraging the GOI to respond positively to an upcoming UNHCR invitation to participate in tripartite discussions on the situation of Sudanese and other migrants and asylum seekers attempting to cross from Egypt into Israel. Halperin promised to convey the message to her government, and said she thought the GOI would be more than willing to join the talks. She reiterated concerns (reftel B) about a reported UNHCR-GOE dispute, however, and expressed her hope that the talks were "still on the right track" and the UNHCR mediator role will not prove "counterproductive."

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